(d) The expected achievements of these steps are:

(i) Constitution of the National Statistical Commission is expected to provide an effective and adequately empowered coordination mechanism for statistical activities in the country and to evolve national policies and priorities relating to the statistical system.

(ii) Successful completion of the implementation of the India Statistical Strengthening Project is expected to result in contributions towards strengthening of the State statistical system, establishment of strong communication links among various units of the statistical system, creation of a National Business Register to facilitate periodical surveys of business/economic units, improvement in the availability and quality of service sector statistics and better utilization of survey capabilities available in the private sector.

(iii) Setting-up of a Central Institute for training of official statistics will help in skill development of the persons dealing with official statistics in Central and State Governments.

(iv) Setting-up of a data warehouse of official statistics would make available core statistics from different sources to the users at one place.

(v) Introduction of advance techniques in data processing will enable quick processing of huge information through automated for processing and thus, will reduce the time lag in the release of the results.

**Development proposals for Punjab**

1902. SMRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the pending development proposals submitted by State Government of Punjab; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof and the details of the action taken by Government on these proposals and the reasons for their pendencey, proposal-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Rain water management in Mumbai**

1903. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Master Plan for rain water management in Mumbai has been prepared to avert a post July 26, 2005 cloud burst situation there;

(b) if so, the salient features and estimated cost thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Procedure for construction clearances**

†1904. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA: SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that construction of building in the cities of the country is required to obtain the approval from 25 to 40 Government departments;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that present procedure for obtaining approval for construction of building is so lengthy and ambiguous that the same itself encourage the illegal construction;

(d) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(e) the measures taken to streamline the above procedure?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.